



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date March 18, 2002

To: Transportation and Public Works Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

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Approved by: David Sonnenberg, Director of Public Works, City Engineer

Subject: Request to increase dollar limitations to existing contract for leaf processing (composting) with N.R.G.

Presenters in Committee: Susan Young

Recommendation: Approve increase to appropriation.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling has, since required by the State to separate yard and garden wastes from garbage, arranged for the composing and beneficial use of this material. It has been customary for the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling to begin yard wastes collections from our customers the second week of April each spring. The Division has in the past contracted with SKB, Inc to take yard wastes at it's transfer station near Malcolm St. and University Ave; yard wastes were subsequently transferred to an SKB composting facility for processing. After the sale of SKB's composting

activities to NRG, the City contracted with NRG for this service. The most recent contract expired December 31, 2001.

The Division is presently in the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for a new contract for processing/composting and disposal of the yard wastes collected by the City from its residential customers. A contract is not yet in place for the yard wastes that our customers expect us to begin collecting this April. The Public Works Operations Division has a contract with NRG to accept leaves from the City for composting/processing and disposal. It is proposed that the existing contract have an increased allowed limit to reflect the costs expected in April and May, and that the City use this contract as a "bridge" until a new contract, resulting from the RFP, is in place. The amount of increase in the contract amount is \$ 170,000.